

## KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

February 10, 2020

Arlington Clubhouse

### Attendees

KJ6AAT	David Swanson
KE6BEE	Howdy Goudey
KN6BUY	Tom Fattaruso
KK6GIO	Larry Vanselow
KM6HFT	Curt Smith
KJ6IUV	Frans Kuypers
K6KOP	Jerry Michaels
KK6NDF	Hal Graboske
KK6RED	Diane Richwine
KJ6SWK	Annette McCoubrey
KM6UBY	Edward Carney
KM6UCF	Natalie DeJarlais
KJ6WSS	Jay Fenton
KK6ZCU	Judi Clark
KK6ZPM	Karen Leong Fenton

### Minutes

January meeting minutes were approved..

### Announcements

Davis Todhunter is leaving the area and will not be able to host the Go Kart. He has radio equipment for anyone who will donate \$60 to the Lamorinda Adult Respite Center.

Membership dues for 2020 are payable now; \$30 for individual membership, and \$40 for families.

The meetings will take a new format, adding a self-organizing Elmering segment at the end of each meeting.

### Training and Demonstrations -

#### *Net Control training*

Diane presented an excellent draft slide deck on *Net Control: Operating an Emergency Radio Communications Net During a Disaster*, which will be made available on the KARO-ECHO website when finalized.

### Working groups

#### *Outreach and recruiting*

Annette stated that we want to reach people who completed the CERT survey for the class on February 29. Rob has the list of contacts and can send it.

Additional outreach: Annette reported that the *Kensington Outlook* did not seem appropriate for outreach. Karen sent her a flyer with community news, but there is no followup to date..

## **Training and operations**

### *Upcoming Training Events*

- 2/29/20: Introduction to Radio Operation, FRS/GMRS ,1:00-3:00  
Castro Park Clubhouse, 1420 Norvell St.
- 3/14/20: Spring KARO ECHO Simulated Emergency Test (SET), 9:00-12:00  
Radio exercise followed by debrief at Castro Clubhouse, 1420 Norvell St.
- 4/4/20: Net Control Instruction, 1:00-3:00  
El Cerrito Community Center - Garden Room, 7007 Moeser Ln

For the SET on 3/14, Howdy will solicit folks who want to move locations during the event, as well as have multiple Net Control operators. People will write their own messages, though they may be assigned times to transmit. We will use the patch boxes at clubhouses and the Go Kart. CERT groups are welcome to join, though this is radio communications only.

## **Equipment and Infrastructure**

The connector on the EOC radio is frayed, and will be added to the maintenance list. Hal suggested contacting Chief Janes to fix it; Howdy needs to talk to the chief about the SET and will mention it.

## **Organization and Funding**

There are two support organizations in Berkeley, one of which is for CERT. The Berkeley Disaster Preparedness Neighborhood Network has received a grant to provide people with 2500 go kits. See [BDPNnetwork.org](http://BDPNnetwork.org).

## **Other Updates**

Karen showed photos of Richmond's Wednesday net; they use a 24-foot window washing pole with a Diamond antenna on top. Hams listen to GMRS operators and vice versa. They've developed a list of people who participate by sending continuous emails to them.

Karen also distributed a sample roster of how people can log the quality of transmission of other operators.

They have focused on mapping, and less on messaging. They are moving toward portable

antennas that can be attached to street signs. Jay and Edward have contributed heavily to this effort.

**Adjournment of meeting**

**Elmering session**